

POCAHONTAS TIMES.

Oil was struck at Hinton while boring for water at a depth of 23 feet.

The Hinton Daily Star is the latest addition to the journalistic ranks.

Anthony Kincaid was kicked by a horse Monday and badly hurt.

Work on the ditch for the First National's water works is progressing satisfactorily.

Geo. W. McClintic and Dr. Kirkpatrick of Charleston, were in Marlinton several days this week.

Dr. Stout will be in his home office after November 1st, ready to receive all needing his service as a dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff have returned from a months visit to their native town on the Ohio above Huntington.

Harper McLaughlin, of Bath was in Pocahontas several days last week, attending to business and looking up old friends.

G. Marcus Johnson of this office, got a handful of fingers in a job press, Saturday, and lost a number of finger nails.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Leach, who recently sold their farm, the F. A. Renick's place, have moved from the Levels to White Sulphur.

Dr. Miller of Durbin, is down with diphtheria, having succumbed to the disease which has been epidemic in the upper end the past month or so.

Oscar A. Bell, was over from Elk Monday. He says arrangements have been made for a daily mail from Clover Lick to Mingo, the new schedule to go in effect November 9th.

Forest fires are in progress in different parts of the county one of the largest burning between Marlinton and Edray on both sides of Indian draft, endangering much fence and property.

Miss Nore Wilson is again in Marlinton having returned from Greenbrier, where she has been following her calling as a trained nurse a number of years.

Hunters returning from the Cranberry—Williams river wilderness report little or no game owing to the scarcity of mast. A number of turkeys have been killed on the ridges near town where not only acorns but chestnuts are found in abundance.

A large party armed to the teeth, out for game, was transported to these woods by Wednesday's train. They immediately hid themselves to the forest where no doubt a rich reward waits upon their endeavors.

R. C. Kennedy, South Eastern Passenger Agent Big Four Route was in Marlinton Tuesday on business relative to the party from Dry Branch who expect to migrate to the state of Washington.

The Wallace show has sued the C. & O. for \$10,000 damages on account of arriving too late in Roncoverte to give a parade October 7th. The railroad company has replied that a number of the show cars were in such a condition as to be dangerous if run over a certain rate of speed.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore of Hillsboro passed Marlinton Monday on their return from the Sun set dedication and report a very interesting time in witnessing the exercises and meeting with so many friends and acquaintances.

Revenue Inspector Robertson was here Saturday to hold a preliminary hearing in the case against Ellis Jackson, a negro charged with unlawful retailing. Jackson a prominent in church and secret order affairs of the Brush, was held under \$200 bail for a hearing in the United States court at Huntington. The bail was given.

AWFUL DISASTER.

In Boiler Explosion at Elkins.

By our exchanges we are informed that one of the saddest events that ever occurred at Elkins, took place in the afternoon of October 21, 2:15 o'clock, by which four persons were killed instantly and three injured severely by the explosion of W. V. C. Engine No. 19 in the Elkins yards.

Repairs on the Engine had been just completed and it was taken from the shop to be tested.

The private car, "Graceland," had just been shifted and upon going up the track a few hundred yards the terrific explosion occurred rending the air and tearing No. 19 into atoms.

Engineer Little's body was blown into fragments, legs and arms with other pieces being picked up for several hundred yards.

Fireman Collett was thrown three hundred feet falling within a few feet of sister's house.

Machinist Harper's body fell fully five hundred feet in an alley in the rear of Howard Sutherland's residence. The wagon top and dome of the boiler several tons in weight was projected through the air five hundred feet above a number of houses striking Mrs. Rabbett's home, wrecking and killing her almost at once.

Within a radius of two hundred yards of the accident houses were injured more or less either by the force of the explosion or by the flying fragments of the engine. Windows were broken and large openings were made in a number of houses by heavy fragments of the locomotive, fortunately none of the residents were injured though many ran narrow risks.

A minute or so before the explosion the engine passed the platform where two or three hundred people were standing and it is startling to think what the loss of life might have been.

A few personal particulars indicate that Collett was 27 years old and survived by wife and child. Little was 25 survived by widow and one child. Harper was 26 and unmarried. Mrs. Kate Rabbett was the widow of the late Partley Rabbett aged about 53 years and survived by three daughters and two sons.

The injured were Mrs. Virginia Boy, sister of Mrs. Rabbett, hit and shoulder severely bruised; G. Dougherty, a brakeman, bled, shaken up; Pietro Causeta, stone cutter, arm broken and head badly cut by flying pieces.

Game Protection. A land owner who has heretofore refused to post his lands giving for his reason that he believes what game was on it was for the use of the people and that it was not right to retain it for his own use. He has recently seen fit to change his mind however: He has a large field of corn in need of husking, and has tried to hire the some of poorer neighbors, who have no steady employment to help him crib his corn. The boys refused to work, saying they could make twice as much by hunting pheasants. On inquiry the farmer found that the boys were killing pheasants on his land. While he by his brow would not let the boys increase his substance, the state would derive a portion in the way of taxes, the boys spent the day upon the farmers land killing game belonging to the state and returning not a cent toward the support of its institutions. As soon as the land owner realized the situation he posted his lands and has since kept a strict watch over them. The public ownership of game is a very beautiful theory but not a practical one, as it is very hard on the game, which falls into the hands of those who abuse it and are not entitled to it.

Rev. W. A. Sharp preached his farewell sermon at Palestine Church yesterday. He has been transferred to the W. Va. Conference and appointed to Minona Circuit in Maryland. We very much hate to lose Rev. Sharp. He has been with us nearly five years and has proved faithful to his work and attached to the people. —South Branch Review.

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NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On Knapps Creek Dedicated Sunday.

The new Presbyterian church was dedicated last Sunday in the presence of a large congregation at least 500 people being present. Rev. J. C. Brown of Lewisburg preached the sermon, his subject being "what constitutes the church." Mr. Brown handled the subject with his accustomed power and held the undivided attention of his hearers although the house was packed to suffocation.

The afternoon was devoted to the organization of a church. The members of the commission appointed by Presbytery present were Rev. J. C. Brown, M. J. McNeil, Geo. M. Kee and Dr. S. P. Patterson. Mr. Brown preached a sermon on church members and church membership taking his lesson from the Apostle Peter's Vision of the sheet descending.

The church was then organized with thirty-five members, about thirty of whom were dismissed from the Huntersville Church. Peter Cleek, Lanty Harold, Coo Beverage and Amos L. Harold were the four elders installed while John A. Cleek and Millard Harold were made deacons.

During the interim between services, the large crowd ate a portion of great variety of good things provided by the members of the congregation.

The new church is at the junction of the Knapps creek and Hills county roads, on land donated by Frank Hamilton. It is a good substantial building, centrally located with no debt to overshadow it.

The following letter from Rev. J. C. Brown who preached the dedicatory sermon of the new Sunset church and assisted in its organization gives particulars that will interest our readers and we would hereby share our pleasure with them.

DEAR BRO. PRICE: We all missed you at the organization and dedication of the church on Knapps Creek. Many inquiries were made about you, and regret that you did not get up to see the great turn out of the people to the services. Between 400 and 500 people there, 200 were counted as coming out of the church from the morning service, and there were thought to be from 150 to 200 outside who did not get in. Though there was such a throng, there was the best of order both inside and outside. A plentiful table for all to have something to eat, and the fragments left over would have filled 12 baskets full.

The promise for our church there is flattering and you perhaps laid the foundation and Bro. Nickell is building the wall upon what has been laid. So many bright promising children and so many good hospitable people. I am rejoiced that our Presbyterian church is doing so much on Knapps Creek. The valley and the people were a glad surprise to me as I looked on it and them for the first time, and I hope I may again have the privilege of being amongst the people, and looking at the valley and the mountains round about. The Church building is a credit to those who built it and to others as far as we as.

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The meeting is going on and will be this week and next. Quite an interest and good attendance and several have come forward and stood up for prayer. I trust a larger blessing is in store in answer to prayer, preaching and faithful individual effort on the part of God's people.

Fraternally Yours,

J. C. Brown.

The first passenger train was run on the Greenbrier & Iron Mountain Railway, Saturday October 17. The train consisted of two cars and carried about a hundred passengers, conspicuous among whom was Col. Dan O'Conor who had been instrumental in the building of the road. Tom Shires of Roncoverte, was the conductor and Lynn Towns had charge of the engine. The distance is 18 miles and was made in an hour and twenty minutes including a stop for water.

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THE BELLED BUZZARD.

Is Seen in Rockingham County.

GREEN MOUNT, VA. (Special) John I. Myers, a farmer, living six miles from Harrisonburg was recently walking through his corn field when his attention was suddenly called by the faint tinkling of a bell. Thinking some animal had broken into his field he made a thorough investigation, but none could be seen. The sound of the bell became more distinct and seemed to come from above. Looking up he saw a buzzard at some height. When it would flap its wings the bell could be very distinctly heard. The bird sailed around several minutes and finally disappeared toward the northwest. Six or seven years since a belled buzzard was seen near the same place by several reputable persons.

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A HOUSE BURNED.

At the West End of the Bridge.

Marlinton had one of its periodical blazes Friday night. The store house at one time occupied by Golden and later by Harrison, situated at the west end of the bridge, was burned, somewhat endangering Richardson's large hardware store and many other buildings. The building was one of the first erected in Marlinton and belonged to Mrs. Andrew McLaughlin. It was a frame structure poorly built, and was in ashes in a remarkably short time after the flames were discovered.

The cause of the fire is not known exactly, but is supposed to have come from an exploding lamp. The house was occupied by two women, one of whom was very sick at the time and barely got out in time to save her life. A crowd of perhaps 300 men gathered to see the fire and much water was carried but owing to the calmness of the evening it was not needed.

HUNTERSVILLE.

Most of our town people went to the dedication at Knapps creek Sunday.

Mr. James A. Reed is able to be out again after a spell of fever.

Mrs. J. S. Moore and daughter and Mr. Wood left Thursday for Braxton Co. on a visit.

Mrs. H. M. Lockridge has returned from an extended visit to the west.

Mr. P. H. Warwick of Greenbank and sister Mrs. G. W. Sipe spent a few days visiting Mrs. O. D. Warwick.

Mr. E. H. Moore and wife of Academy were in town last week.

Mrs. A. B. McComb entertained her lady friends with the grand piano Sunday evening.

Bev. Bennett will preach at the M. P. church next Sunday at 11 a.m.

Miss Ruth Smith of Burrs valley is visiting at Mr. Coles for a while.

Mrs. Warren is on the sick list.

The ladies aid society of Huntersville have made a nice rag-carpet for the parsonage at Marlinton.

Mr. O. D. Warwick spent Saturday and Sunday with his family he returned to camp Sunday evening.

William Grose and John Grogg are busy sowing rye at this time.

Miss Mable Moore spent last Sunday on Browns mountain visiting friends.

Mrs. McNeil who has been visiting her father Mr. William Curry has returned home.

Our school is progressing nicely with Miss Lillie Friel as teacher, she has 30 scholars.

Mrs. Gooth expects to start to Covington, Tuesday.

October 21, 1903, Mr. and

Mrs. Lacy Sydenstricker of Athens W. Va. were bereaved of their little daughter Adella, aged over two years and their only child.

The ailment was spinal meningitis in form so virulent as to baffle all possible attention and medical skill. Adella's grand parents are Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Sydenstricker of Hillsboro, and to them and the sorely bereaved young parents our sincere sympathies are tendered along with their many other sympathizing friends in West Virginia and Vermont. "Is it well with thee?" Is it well with the child? and she answered it is well." —Bible.

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GENUINE A. A. CUTTER SHOES.

There is a report widely circulated throughout the county, as to the genuineness of the A. A. CUTTER SHOES sold by Paul Golden. Let the intigator come boldly out in print before the intelligent people of Pocahontas county and give reasons for his assertion that Paul Golden does not handle the GENUINE FIRST GRADE A. A. CUTTER SHOES. We make this challenge in order to show that there is no foundation of truth in these reports, as our line of Cutters will testify for themselves.

PAUL GOLDEN.